

## BURLESON DEFENDS CONDUCT OF OFFICE

First Public Utterance Since Taking Office He Calls Administration Almost Miraculous.

### ADMITTS PUBLIC DISPLEASED

Says Few Postmasters Hold Office Very Long—Remounts Struggle Before Hardware Association.

ATLANTIC CITY, Oct. 15.—Vigilantly turning against his critics in the first public address he has delivered since entering the office of postmaster general, Burleson today told the National Hardware Association, in session here, that the postal administration was "remarkable in development" and that the people of the nation were entitled to a standard of efficiency in the postal service.

Speaking of his policies and efforts to obtain a reversal of the postal service, Burleson said: "I stand for and that is what I am going to do."

### People Against Him

Critics of his policies have divided by postmaster general Burleson into two classes, those who were honest and those who were not. He admitted that the postal administration was "remarkable in development" and that the people of the nation were entitled to a standard of efficiency in the postal service.

In his first public account of his stewardship after nearly seven years in office, Mr. Burleson said the average tenure of postmasters, general had been only two years. He declared this was easily explained by the fact that the employees in the service come in daily contact with the majority of families in the nation, which gave a fertile opportunity for criticism.

"When the entire world was re-adjusting itself to the new order, when our splendid railroad system broke down completely, is it any wonder that there was some slight dissatisfaction of the postal service? Yet there were people who complained they didn't receive their mail with regularity and dependability."

"I don't blame them for complaining. It is human, but it was unjust." As the only government department with a nation-wide organization, the postal service was called upon by all other departments to aid them in war work. Mr. Burleson continued, "and this in spite of the fact that tens of thousands of trained postal employees had been called to the colors or been put in cantonments to give soldiers efficient mail service."

"Idol of Press." Much time was devoted by Mr. Burleson to the fight on second class mail rates which he laughingly said had made him "the idol of the newspapers and the hero of the magazines." He declared it had cost the government \$150,000 above the postage to carry one edition of a well known weekly which averaged \$1,000,000 in advertisements. "That deficit was paid by you," he told the business men who were his auditors, "until my fight forced a change and now I'm before the interstate commerce commission trying to raise still further the rates congress fixed which I know are too low."

Explaining his opposition to affiliation of government employees with the American Federation of Labor, Mr. Burleson said he believed it was a public danger for any federal, state or municipal worker to

## Mysterious Woman Causes Washington Husbands to Worry

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—There are dark days for Washington husbands who value their domestic happiness.

Somewhere at times in the capital is a woman with a little old last year's sense of humor who has been calling prominent men on the telephone. And when Mr. Burleson answers the call and knows her identity, the funny little old lady says: "Then she says: 'Mersey, why he never told me he was married?'"

He is added to an organization that is the strike. "I don't want the postal service to be a reform project," he explained, "but we have a serious problem because of cutting out this graft I have told you about."

Exclamation of southern statesmen, the result was a very mixed one. Mr. Burleson said, "I was pressing free speech, an ancient and honorable right, but I moved on to the question of my way performing my duty with moderation, exercising no arbitrary power whatsoever, but forcing the law as written. In every case where my action was questioned, the courts have upheld me."

Declaring he was not going to be the postmaster general, he turned to individual policies for which he had been attacked.

### INDIAN PROBE CONTINUES FOR TWO WEEKS LONGER

World's Washington Bureau.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—Investigation into the conduct of the Indian bureau was resumed by the house Indian affairs committee yesterday after a recess of 10 days. W. M. Hoar, chief irrigation engineer of the bureau, was on the stand most of the day and western irrigation projects were under discussion.

It was announced by Chairman Hoar that the committee will resume two weeks more during which time the matter of consolidating Indian schools will be considered. The committee contemplated an inspection trip to the reservations in Oklahoma and elsewhere, but it probably will not be made until next spring. A report will be submitted to congress in December on the results of the present phase of the probe.

### DIES WHILE AWAITING TRAIN

Colonel James McNaught, of Seattle, died in Tarrytown, N. Y., Oct. 15. While waiting for a train here, Col. James McNaught of Seattle, Wash., famous lawyer and friend of the late James J. Hill, dropped dead at the railway depot today.

Colonel McNaught, who was 75 years old, was visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ernest E. Ling, of this city.

## HOFSTRA GATHERING ENDS WITH BANQUET

Sales Force of Bug-Killing Organization Attend Feat Addressed by Many Prominent Tulsans.

The third annual meeting of the Hofstra sales force was concluded last night with a banquet at Hotel Tulsa attended not only by the salesmen representing territory covering a large proportion of the United States by the office force and their wives, department heads and others identified with the business, but by several men prominent in the affairs of the community.

The banquet was a brilliant affair, there was as much pep in the program as there was pep in the salesmen, and when the Hofstra sales force, representing the sales force of the office force, was introduced, it was done completely and effectively as before.

James Hagan delivered an address on "Americanism, Timely and Full of Substantive Thought." Frank H. Greer, a hardworking word of picture of the "Jawny Malt," that characteristically of personality which makes for success. H. M. Malt, in discussing confidence in Tulsa men and their enterprise, W. H. Gilchrist, president of the Tulsa Telephone, and then three a few other Tulsa men of prominence at the guests which were appreciatively applauded. J. L. Stearns, credit Tulsa Gilchrist with the usual in the progress of a city and the department of its individual enterprise, G. E. Mossey, of Oklahoma City spoke upon the problem of distribution of manufactured products. Raymond P. Locke, also of Oklahoma City, explained the principles of advertising in a campaign of national scope. J. G. Long reminded

his hearers of the value of illustration in advertising and S. E. Keen, sales manager of the Hofstra organization, told why he believed in the product and the men he handles. As speaker of the evening failed to credit Tulsa Gilchrist with the usual gift of being able to vision the future and at the same time be intensely practical in today's operation. In his own language at the conclusion of the banquet, "They handed me the business until I was wobbly, 'buckle up' me."

## KANSAS CITY STARTS WAR AGAINST "PROTECTED" VICE

Following a meeting of a score of Kansas City's leading men, including representatives of churches, civic clubs and other organizations at the city club, the steam roller of law abiding citizens of Kansas City was started on its task of crushing the alleged "police protected" underworld today.

Despite the fact that Governor Gardner has "passed the buck" to the police commissioners, the fight will continue until a "clean up" results, it is declared.

### NEW ITALIAN AMBASSADOR.

Baron Avezzano Is to Be Appointed to Post in United States.

ROME, Oct. 15.—Baron Romano Avezzano is to be appointed Italian ambassador to the United States. The baron, who has been minister to Greece, arrived in Rome today.

### COTTON WAREHOUSE BURNS.

Fire Loss of \$75,000 Results at Moultrie, Ga.—Cotton Destroyed.

MOULTRIE, Ga., Oct. 15.—Fire of unknown origin, destroyed the "Flowers" warehouse and 350 bales of cotton at Moultrie, near here, early today. The loss is placed at \$75,000.

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